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Art Unit: 1751Amendments to the Claims

1. through 4. (cancelled)

5. (currently amended) An aqueous mixture ~~according to Claim 1~~ comprising:
two different alkoxylates ~~of the formula (I); A1) and A2) of formula (I).~~

or their phosphoric esters.whereinA1) ~~wherein~~ R^1 is a branched $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{14}$ -alkyl radical, R^2 is hydrogen, methyl or ethyl, and n has an average value of 3 to 11;

and

A2) ~~wherein~~ R^1 is a linear or branched $\text{C}_8\text{-C}_{19}$ -alkyl radical, R^2 is hydrogen, methyl or ethyl, and n has an average value of 3 to 10,

B) at least one compound selected from the group consisting of a hydroxy
carboxylic acid in simple form, a polyoligo hydroxy carboxylic acid a salt of a
hydroxy carboxylic acid in simple form, a salt of a polyoligo hydroxy carboxylic
acid, a polyacrylate, a phosphonate, a polyacrylate salt, a phosphonate salt
and mixtures thereof

C) an aromatic sulphonation, sulphination or sulphation product or salts
thereof, and

D) an alkaline earth metal chloride or sulfate salt.

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6. (previously presented) An aqueous mixture according to Claim 5 wherein

A1) R^1 is a branched C_8 - C_{12} -alkyl radical,
 R^2 is hydrogen or methyl, and
 n has an average value of 5 to 9;

and

A2) R^1 is a linear or branched C_{10} - C_{17} -alkyl radical,
 R^2 is hydrogen or methyl,
 n has an average value of 4 to 8,

B is citric acid, sodium gluconate, an α -hydroxy polyacrylate or ATMP, HEDP, DTPMPA, EDTMPA, PBTC or salts of these phosphonates or a mixture thereof,

C is cumenesulphonic acid, naphthalenesulphonic acid an alkali metal salt of cumenesulphonic acid, an alkali metal salt of naphthalenesulphonic acid, an ammonium salt of cumenesulphonic acid or an ammonium salt of naphthalenesulphonic acid, and

D is magnesium chloride, magnesium sulphate, calcium chloride or calcium sulphate.

7. (previously presented) An aqueous mixture according to Claim 5 wherein

A1) R^1 is a branched C_{10} -alkyl radical,
 R^2 is hydrogen, and
 n has an average value of 7;

and

A2) R^1 is a linear or branched C_{12} - C_{15} -alkyl radical,
 R^2 is hydrogen,
 n has an average value of 6,

B is citric acid, sodium gluconate, DTPMPA or a mixture thereof,

C is cumenesulphonic acid, an alkali metal salt of cumenesulphonic acid or an ammonium salt of cumenesulphonic acid, and

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D is magnesium chloride or magnesium sulphate.

8. (previously presented) An aqueous mixture according to Claim 5 wherein

A1) is an alkoxylate of a linear or branched C₁₀-alcohol or a mixture thereof having on average 8 ethylene oxide units and 1 propylene oxide unit, and

A2) is an alkoxylate of a linear or branched C₁₂-C₁₅-alcohol having on average 7 ethylene oxide units,

B is a mixture of citric acid and sodium gluconate,

C is sodium cumenesulphonate, and

D is magnesium chloride.

9. (previously presented) An aqueous mixture according to Claim 7 wherein

B is a mixture of citric acid and sodium gluconate,

C is sodium cumenesulphonate, and

D is magnesium chloride.

10. (currently amended) An aqueous mixture according to Claim [[1]]5, wherein said components A1) and A2) have ~~has~~ a combined concentration of 1% to 40% by weight, ~~said~~ component B has a concentration of 1% to 20% by weight, ~~said~~ components C and D each have a concentration of 0.1% to 10% by weight, based on the aqueous mixture.

11. (currently amended) An aqueous mixture according to Claim [[1]]5, wherein the combined concentration of components A1) and A2) is 7% to 20% by weight, of component B is 2% to 10% by weight and each of components C and D is 0.4% to 5% by weight, based on the aqueous mixture.

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12. (currently amended) An aqueous mixture according to Claim [[1]] 5, wherein the combined concentration of components A1) and A2) is 14% to 20% by weight, of component B is 3% to 8% by weight and each of components C and D is 0.6% to 2.5% by weight, based on the aqueous mixture.

13. (currently amended) An aqueous mixture according to Claim [[1]] 5, further comprising a foam-suppressing component and a defoamer .

14. (currently amended) A textile pretreated with the aqueous mixture according to Claim [[1]] 5.

15. through 27. (cancelled)